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MEMORANDUM

DATE : November 18, 1998

TO : Issue Control Officer
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FROM : John Doll, Director
Patent Examining Group 1600

SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue

Applicant : Thomson
Serial Number : 08/591,246
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For: PRIMATE EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS

It is recommended that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for the following purpose:

To re-open prosecution.

The issue fee has been paid. It is directed that this application be withdrawn from issue under 37 C.F.R. 1.313 and returned to the jurisdiction of Examining Group 1600.

The Examiner is authorized and directed to take prompt appropriate action on this case, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application. Return this application promptly to the Office of the Director of Group 1600.